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million. I think Senator Jones, and I don't know if he has his light on, but I think he might share what's happening in some of his rural districts. So I am supporting the Wickersham amendment, and I want to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Wickersham. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham, you have about a minute and a half.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. Well, I'll try to be brief. You've had a couple of things handed out to you this morning on the floor, and I hope you've taken a moment to look at those. They do not go to the philosophical arguments particularly that Senator Beutler asked me or asked someone to discuss. I'll be happy to do that if I get a little bit more time. I think we have discussed those in part. But the two handouts you have in front of you, one...the one handout with the two little figures at the bottom, with the balloons above them, illustrate two points that I tried to make during this debate. One, it is pretty much a tempest in a teapot, except when you have limited dollars and somebody is taking them and they're moving them to another side and it doesn't even benefit the receivers that much. And this goes back to the discussion that Senator Bohlke and I had, according to the calculations only about \$4.5 million is the net benefit to the equalization districts, only about \$4.5 million. We distribute over \$400 million. It is not a very significant amount...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...to those with lots of money already. It is significant to those folks who don't have a lot of money and you're going to take some of it away from them. Now, in addition to the philosophical arguments to be made, the little balloon characters down below, again illustrating the issue of whether or not this is smart, just plain smart for the equalization districts to ask for this, because it will actually reduce their access to a resource at some time in the future. We have cut equalization aid on the floor of this Legislature.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: We have not previously cut rebate.